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Summary of Conclusions for
Meeting of the NSC Principals Committee

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LOCATION: White House Situation Room

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SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Principals Committee Meeting
on Bosnia and Croatia ~~(S)~~

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Summary of Conclusions

Croatia: Mandate for a New UN Peacekeeping Force

1. Principals reviewed the progress of efforts underway at the United Nations to enact a UN Security Council resolution containing the mandate for a new UN peacekeeping force in Croatia, as well as companion resolutions on peacekeeping forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Principals agreed that Ambassador Albright should be provided flexibility to secure passage of a framework resolution for the new Croatian force before UNPROFOR's mandate expires on March 31, recognizing that the UN will need to conduct further consultations with the parties during the first weeks of April to iron out the details of implementation. Principals discussed the value of meetings at the UN involving the Krajina Serbs and the

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Contact Group, as proposed by Russia, and agreed that such meetings would be counterproductive to ongoing efforts.

(Action: USUN/State) (S)

Bosnia: Preventing Renewed Fighting

2. Principals agreed that we should continue our efforts to prevent or contain a reescalation of fighting in Bosnia as the end of the cessation of hostilities approaches. Noting the Bosnian Government's request for a more robust UNPROFOR posture before agreeing to extend its mandate, Principals agreed that we should immediately approach the British and the French on measures to make UNPROFOR more robust. To this end, Principals requested that a strategy be developed to begin immediate consultations with the British and the French, using the menu of options in the OSD paper "Options for Bosnia -- Fighting Escalates in the Spring." (Action: State with DoD input) Principals also directed that the Bosnian Government be informed of our efforts with Allies to encourage a more robust UNPROFOR posture, in order to help secure passage of a new UNPROFOR mandate in Bosnia. (Action USUN/State) (S)

Sanctions

3. Principals discussed options to tighten the "outer ring" of sanctions against Serbia-Montenegro and the "inner ring" of sanctions against the Bosnian and Krajina Serbs. They decided not to press at this time for a general tightening of the "outer ring" of sanctions, given the need to focus allied attention on measures to make UNPROFOR more robust, and taking into account Bosnian President Izetbegovic's request that we extend phase-one sanctions relief for a third 100-day period. They did agree, however, that we should explore steps necessary for NATO and WEU naval forces to assist in enforcing a pre-verification system on Albanian oil imports, in order to reduce the transshipment of oil to Serbia-Montenegro through Albania. (Action: State/OVP) (S)

4. Principals decided that we should tighten the "inner ring" of sanctions by strengthening sanctions enforcement against the Bosnian and Krajina Serbs and by working with Croatia to close the "back door." This effort should be delayed for one week, however, while we attempt to persuade Allies to make UNPROFOR more robust. (Action: State/OVP) (S)

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